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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 938

Introduced by Assembly Member Charles Calderon

February 22, 2007

~~An act to add Chapter 27 (commencing with Section 16100) to Division 7 of the Water Code, relating to water.~~*An act relating to water.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 938, as amended, Charles Calderon. Regional water management.

Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge of stormwater in accordance with the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit program established by the federal Clean Water Act, and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Various programs finance regional water management planning.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding uncontrolled pollutants in urban runoff, stormwater, and other forms of runoff, and statements of legislative intent regarding the provision of tools to help remedy pollution from these sources.

~~This bill would authorize a county, or a city or special district under certain circumstances, to convene a watershed quality committee to maintain or achieve compliance with water quality laws and regulations; and to prepare a related integrated implementation plan. If convened, the committee would be required to include at least one member representing the appropriate regional board, as well as at least one member from entities representing resource agencies, water agencies, sanitation districts, the environmental community, landowners, business, and industry, and, where appropriate, agricultural interests. The integrated implementation plan, as defined, would be required to address major sources of pollutants in receiving water, stormwater, urban runoff, or other surface runoff pollution within the watershed or subwatershed to which the plan applies.~~

~~The bill would require the regional boards to review and approve an integrated implementation plan prepared by a watershed quality committee. The bill would require the regional boards to incorporate approved plans into regional water quality control plans. The state board would be authorized to review the actions or the failure to act by a regional board with regard to proposed integrated implementation plans.~~

~~The bill would authorize a city, county, or special district that provides water, sanitation, or refuse collection services, or similar services, to plan, design, implement, construct, operate, and maintain controls and facilities to improve water quality, as specified. The bill would specify that the city or county, or special district as described, may impose fees to support the preparation and implementation of integrated implementation plans.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares
- 2 ~~all of the following:~~
- 3 ~~(a) Uncontrolled that uncontrolled~~ pollutants in urban runoff,
- 4 stormwater, other forms of runoff, and nonpoint source pollution
- 5 present a significant water quality problem and challenge to the
- 6 State of California, and can affect adversely surface waters, water
- 7 supplies, public health, recreation, and ecology.
- 8 (b) ~~This act provides~~ *It is the intent of the Legislature to provide*
- 9 tools, including a framework for increased cooperation and

1 collaboration among the California regional water quality control
2 boards, local governments, and watershed stakeholders, to help
3 remedy pollution from these sources. ~~This act calls~~ *It is the intent*
4 *of the Legislature to call* for the formation of water quality
5 committees, which can bring to bear in a cooperative framework
6 the expertise, knowledge, and resources of local governments and
7 stakeholders in developing water quality solutions.

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10 **All matter omitted in this version of the bill**
11 **appears in the bill as amended in the**
12 **Senate, June 11, 2008 (JR11)**
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